

Introduction

The birth of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) in 1962 was a major impetus to the accumulation, systematization, and dissemination of psychological knowledge in the Philippines.

Soon after its formation, the PAP held its first annual convention. The highlight of that convention was a Symposium on the Filipino Personality, and the papers presented in this symposium were later published in a thin volume in 1965. This was the first publication of the PAP. Three years later, the PAP started the publication of its official organ, the *Philippine Journal of Psychology* (PJP). The PJP is now on its 35th volume.

As part of the Ruby anniversary celebration of the PAP, we have decided to offer a special issue of the PJP that features some of the best articles of these forty years. The articles are divided into four sections: (1) Issues in theory and research, (2) Developmental Psychology, (3) Personality, Measurement, and Clinical Psychology, and (4) Social and Cultural Psychology.

The literature reviews, conceptualizations, experiments, case studies, surveys, and field studies included in this selection, remain to this day, highly informative and thought provoking. We hope that this retrospective volume of the PJP will become a valuable resource for the Filipino psychologist.

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